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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A solid preparation packaging apparatus comprising: a plurality of tablet cases in which respective types of solid preparations are contained; and a thermally fusible packaging paper wound around in a roll shape, so that the solid preparation discharged from said tablet case is packaged in said packaging paper,

wherein said packaging paper is wound around a periphery of a shaft member detachably attached to a rotation shaft to form the roll shape, an engaging portion is formed in said rotation shaft, and an engaged portion attachably/detachably joined to said engaging portion is formed in said shaft member.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The solid preparation packaging apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the engaging portion is formed to project outside from a base portion of the rotation shaft disposed in an upright manner, the shaft member has a hollow tubular shape, and the engaged portion is notched/formed in an edge of the shaft member.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): The solid preparation packaging apparatus according to claim 1 or 2 wherein a plurality of engaging portions and engaged portions are formed.

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Claim 4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (canceled)

Claim 6. (canceled)

Claim 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (currently amended): A paper roll for packaging a solid preparation, comprising:  
an elongated hollow wall defining a tubular shaft member having concentrically spaced  
inside and outside surfaces, said outside surface being adapted for receiving a thermally fusible  
packaging paper wound therearound, said packaging paper being in a double folded state with a  
folded portion thereof being disposed on an end of the shaft member; and

at least one notch having a limited length from an end of said shaft member, said notch being  
defined by a recess disposed in the inner surface of said wall of said shaft member communicating  
with the end of said shaft member and extending to a radial depth short of the outside surface  
thereof.

Claim 9. (previously amended): A paper roll for packaging a solid preparation, according  
to claim 8 including a plurality of notches disposed about a circumference of the inside surface of  
the shaft member.